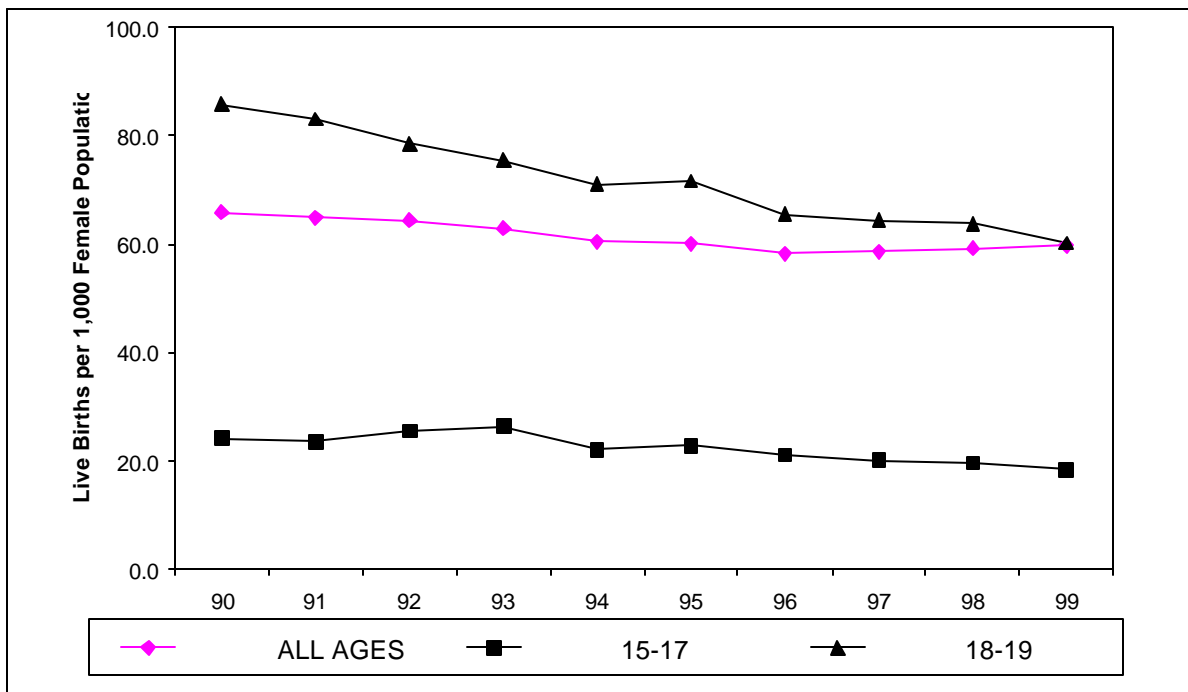


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## MONTANA

### VITAL STATISTICS

FERTILITY RATES FOR TEENS AND MOTHERS OF ALL AGES  
MONTANA RESIDENTS, 1990-1999



## **OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS**

***“It is the mission of the Office of Vital Statistics to build and maintain a complete, uniform system of accurate vital information which satisfies the legal requirements of individuals and their families, provides timely and convenient access for research and statistical needs for planning at the local, state, and national levels, and ensures the security of the information guaranteed by law.”***

### **The Office of Vital Statistics:**

**Maintains a permanent public record of each birth, death, and fetal death filed in Montana since 1907.**

**Maintains statistical information and statewide indexes for each marriage and marital termination that has occurred in Montana since July 1943.**

**Develops forms, standards, and guidelines for registration or reporting of all vital events occurring in the State of Montana.**

**Directs and monitors the functions of 56 local registrars to assure statewide compliance with the statutory mandate for uniform application of registration laws, policies, and procedures.**

**Provides certified copies of birth, death, and fetal death certificates and processes certificate corrections, adoptions, legitimations, and delayed birth certificates.**

**Prepares and maintains computer files of State birth, death, fetal death, induced abortion, marriage, marital termination (divorce) and reportable cancer data and monitors these files for data quality.**

**Builds and continues cooperative relationships with federal, state, and local agencies--including the National Center for Health Statistics--that collect, maintain, and use vital records and health statistics.**

**Provides statistical data tabulations and analyses in support of health policy development, status assessment, and service assurance.**

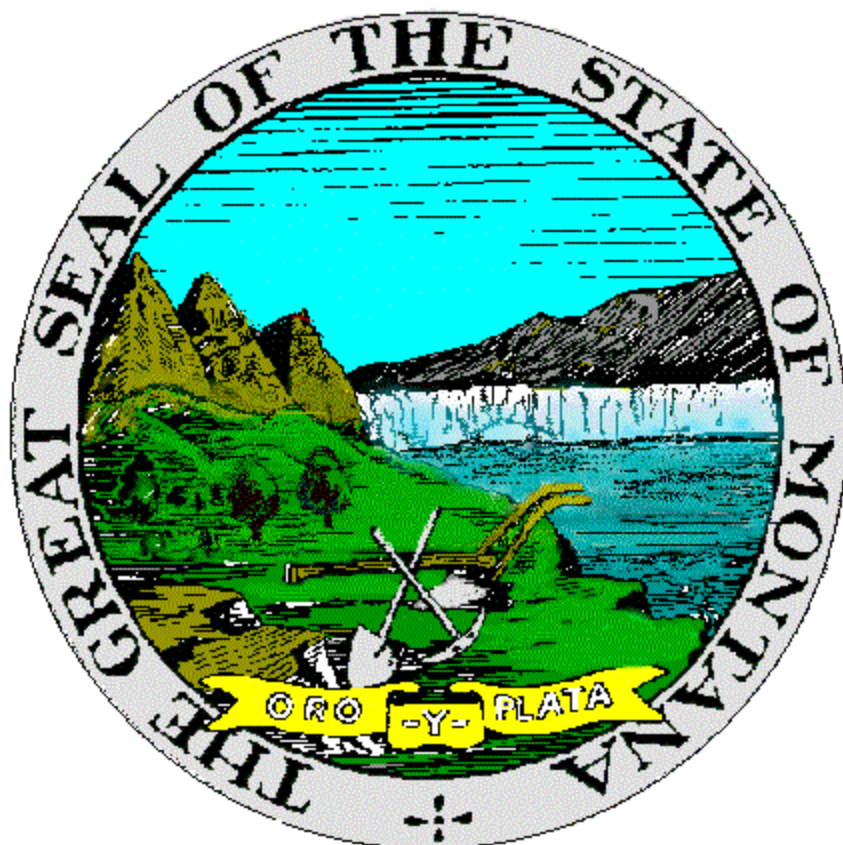
**Maintains a registry of reportable cancers diagnosed in Montana since 1979 for statistical studies and yearly follow-up of cancer patients and provides technical assistance to hospital cancer registries.**

### **The Central Tumor Registry:**

**Provides centralized cancer surveillance in Montana by collecting reports of cancer diagnosis and treatment from Montana hospitals (since 1979), independent clinical laboratories (since 1985), and Montana physicians not reporting to hospitals (since 1997).**

**Assists in cancer care delivery by providing treatment and survival results.**

**Facilitates annual, lifetime follow-up for each cancer patient, promotes early detection of metastatic disease, second primary cancers, and some cancer recurrences by sending yearly patient follow-up reminders to physicians, and matches patient records with death certificates to calculate accurate survival rates.**



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